

HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024
Time: 6:00pm (Social ½ hour) to 8:00pm
Place: Mi Casa Su Cafe | 1835 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr

I. Food and Mingling

- a. A new (former) board member was introduced - Mari Tysen

II. Call to Order (6:30)

III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update

- a. Review of association's financial accounts and current membership
 - i. Renew for 2024: historicbrewershill.com/membership/
 - ii. Balance: \$5,909.50
 - iii. Membership:
 1. Household (H) Memberships: 56
 2. Individual (I) Memberships: 19
 3. Total Memberships (H and I): 75
 4. Total Members: 131
 - iv. New Membership rates \$25 ind / \$40 household
 - v. Yearly subscription on the website (makes it easier)

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. All approved meeting minutes available at: historicbrewershill.com

V. Vice President's Calendar of Events

- a. Events Calendar: calendar.historicbrewershill.com (live updates - you can sync to your own calendar!)
- b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. O'Brewers Hill Social: Thurs, March 14th, 6-8PM @ Dead Bird Brewing
 1. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Thursday Trivia Night!



- ii. Easter Egg Hunt: Sat, March 30th, 10-11:30AM @ Reservoir & Palmer
 1. Same location as past several years (Coffee, danishes, light breakfast, done by 11:30)
 - iii. Neighborhood Cleanup: Sat, April 20th, 9AM-12PM @ St. Marcus School
- c. Reminder:
 - i. Potholes - if you see them call 414-286-2489 to report them

VI. Guest Speakers

- a. **Tim Askin**, Planner, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Tim began by providing a brief context of both the commission and Brewer's Hill more broadly. There are seven committee members who are appointed by the

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mayor. There is an opening currently - and any neighbors who are interested in the position should contact the mayor.

Brewer's Hill was designated a historic district in 1985. Brewer's Hill is actually the oldest surviving coherent neighborhood on the North Side of the city. It is the only surviving mixed income neighborhood from the 1800s. This explains the odd assortment of houses (mansions next to cottages, multiple buildings on the same property, etc.) People never moved away even after they 'made it' in the world. They liked the spot too much. They would simply build a new building on the same property and rent out the old. Within our neighborhood, we have: One of the oldest fire stations, the Lloyd Barbee House (he fought to integrate MPS), and various other historic buildings. This is our charm!

Tim also had some advice for anyone looking to make renovations:

1. If you want a new garage - come to the organization - they will write you plans.
 2. If you are in the local historic designation area, you need permission to make any changes to the outside of your house that is visible from the street (landscaping, front yard grading, windows, doors, other house work, etc.)
 3. If you apply, they try to get decisions turned around in under a week
 4. Large projects are discussed on a monthly basis.
 5. If you are working on a project and run into trouble, apply for the Mothball certificate (as long as you keep making progress, you won't get further fines.)
 6. Wisconsin Historical Society Tax Credits - any time you spend at least \$10,000 - (plumbing, roofs, furnaces, etc.) you will get a 25% tax credit - you need to apply **IN ADVANCE**
 7. Tim showed everyone a beautiful piece of molding. Everyone assumed that it was custom-made and therefore super expensive. It was not! He wanted to make the point that if you come to the commission for advice, they can point you in the direction to get really nice 'looks-like-custom-work' at factory prices.
 8. Submit a proposal, do the work - take before and after pictures.
 9. If your fireplace isn't working - this is an eligible expense (even turning one to a gas fireplace)
- b. Tim Baldwin, Realtor, 2008 N 2nd St historic home renovation success story: Cream of the Cream City Award Winners:
city.milwaukee.gov/cityclerk/hpc/CreamCityAwards/2006.htm

VII. General Business

- a. Crime and Public Safety
 - i. MPD D5 Community Partnership Unit (CPU); Contact Guide:
historicbrewershill.com/resources/crime-safety/important-contacts/
 - ii. **Officer Christopher Schlei:** Officer Schlei provided some statistics and explanation to start. He also mentioned that our old community liaison, Officer Colowell, had been promoted to detective!

Neighborhood Crime Stats:

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- Last 3 years - no homicides
- Violent Crime is down
- Uptick in carjackings (expect more car jackings) When you park your car - make sure that you are checking your mirrors and surroundings. When stopped at a light - leave enough room in front of you so you can escape if someone tries to steal your car. Trust your instincts - if someone or something doesn't feel right - trust it.
- 4 burglaries(In one building - there was someone who was letting their friend in to the basement lockers - this is most of the burglaries)
- No aggravated assaults
- 11 vehicle thefts (new: Scanners that steal the transmission from your remote start / remote lock/unlock - this is in Chicago - it will make its way up here too) -- taking them to shops, getting new keys - so that your key no longer even works. (They are going after high models - Infiniti G60)
- No arson
- Non-fatal shootings means someone was hit - shots fired (otherwise)
- Next monthly crime and safety meeting - March 6 (Every first wednesday) Plymth apartments on galena street.
- If you're seeing reckless driving - make a referral on the website - the more that you put down, the more resources can be dedicated to that location.

- b. Brewers Hill Merchandise available at Society6: [society6.com/hbha](https://www.society6.com/hbha)
- c. HBHA Board Positions: Special Election – Results to be shared in March!
 - i. Treasurer and Auxiliary: Nominations
 - ii. In-person voting: February 28th (ballots distributed during this meeting)
 - iii. Online voting: February 28th to noon on March 1st

VIII. Adjournment (7:20)

- a. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 11th